International Maritime Bureau's Warning to India

3394. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the International Maritime Bureau (IMM) has given warning to India to fall victims to escalated operation by the pirates in the sea-zones;

(b) the measures taken up by Government to combat the pirates in the sea-zones; and

(c) the measures taken up to develop seashore area of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has issued general message to the mariners to be extra cautious and to take necessary precautionary measures while passing through Malaca Straits, a few ports in Indonesia, Singapore Straits, Philips Channels, Chttasgong Roads, Mongola Anchorage, Colombo Anchorage, Banglasdesh, Southern tip of the Red Sea and anchorage at Chennai, Kochi and Kandla in India.

(b) Regular surveillance is carried out by Naval/Coast Guard ships and aircrafts to prevent piracy in the Indian waters. Coast Guard remains in constant touch with Piracy Reporting Centre, Kuala Lumpur to thwart any attempt of pirates in Indian Waters. Coast Guard has undertaken antipiracy joint exercises with Japan, Philippines and Maldives. It also conducted the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum Workshop on anti-piracy during October, 2000 in which 28 countries participated to discuss the measures for combating piracy and armed robbery against ships.

(c) The development of the sea-shore area of the country is not the responsibility of Ministry of Defence.

Women Military Schools/Colleges

†3395. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government women military schools/colleges being run in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the criteria being followed for getting admission in these schools/ colleges;

(c) the number of girls receiving education from each school/college; and

(d) the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (d) No Government military schools/colleges for women are being run in the country at present.

Assets of members of Defence Procurement Board

3396. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1259 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd August, 2001 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to keep record of assets of the members of the proposed Defence Procurement Board during and after their tenure for buying military equipment on global tenders;

(b) if so, the details of the steps being taken; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) All officers of the Government of India are required to furnish a report of any transaction relating to moveable and immoveable property under All India Services (Conduct) Rules 1968 and Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964. At the time of entry into the service an official is required to submit report relating to any immoveable property owned by him. Subsequently all Gazetted Officers of the Government of India, in accordance with the existing instructions, are required to render an annual property return which is maintained and scrutinised by the concerned Cadre Controlling Authority.

Criteria for Relief Assistance to Kargil Martyrs

3397. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the procedure and criteria under which relief assistance is provided to the families of defence forces personnels injured and killed in Kargil war;

(b) whether loss of valuable lives of defence personnels during Kargil war was termed as National Loss;